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MISSOULA---

A long-time track coach and official from California who spends his summers in Montana and a high school track coach from Billings who spent his collegiate days in Missoula will handle the track and field lectures at the fourth annual University of Montana Coaching Clinic June 16-19 at Flathead Lake.

This is the first time track has been included as part of the clinic.

The two are Maurice "Red" Guyer, well-known meet official from Laguna Beach, Calif., and Bob Graves, head coach at Billings West High School. They join lecturers Hal Sherbeck of Fullerton, Calif. Junior College in football and Jerry Tarkanian of Cal State-Long Beach in basketball.

Guyer is a 1932 graduate of the University of Southern California, where he stood out as a member of the world record 440-yard relay team that set the mark at the 1931 Fresno Relays. His collegiate endeavors earned him a spot as an alternate for the 1932 U.S. Olympic team.

Following his collegiate days, he originated and managed the Laguna Beach Trophy Meet, an annual high school invitational in Southern California. That meet has gone on for 31 years, and Guyer is still its manager, although he retired from active coaching after 36 years in the business.

He was athletic director, coach and a physical education instructor at Laguna Beach High School until his retirement.

The veteran of three years in the U.S. Navy during World War Two has been a member of the Southern California Track Starters Association for the past 20 years, and he has worked many famous meets in his time.

Some of those meets include the United States against the Soviet Union and the British Commonwealth; the U.S. Olympic Trials; the Los Angeles Times Indoor Meet; the Mt. San Antonio Relays; the Los Angeles Relays, and the Long Beach Relays.

Guyer and his wife, Louise, spend seven months annually at their home near Seeley Lake, Mont. Their son, Don, is track coach at Saddle Back College in California.

Graves graduated from the University of Montana in 1952 after earning three letters each in football and track. His track coach was the venerable Harry Adams.

He has been head track coach at Billings West for 10 years following four years as assistant coach at Billings Senior High School.

He has long been associated with track clinics sponsored by the Montana High School Association and organized the one held two years ago.

Some of the athletes he has coached who have gone on to the University in Missoula include Fred Friesz, All-American distance runner in 1967-68; Dick Koontz, now a sophomore at UM competing in the hurdles and long jump and still the state record-holder in the low hurdles, and a pair of frosh distance runners, Tom Feeley and Tim O'Hare.

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